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All were well pleased with the progress made and the work done by the Club in the past year and look forward to even better success in the future.
—LEON J. COLE, *Secretary*.

Errata.—As I was not able to read the proof of my article on the 'Birds of the Coal Regions of Pennsylvania' (Auk, Oct., 1896), on account of absence from the city, two errors have unfortunately occurred. *Turdus fuscescens*, not *Turdus aonalaschkæ pallasi*, was noted by me at Pottsville and Rock Glen.

I noted Cowbirds at Pottsville on July 14, not July 11.—R. T. YOUNG, *Philadelphia, Pa.*

RECENT LITERATURE.

Sharpe's Catalogue of the Limicolæ.¹—As Dr. Sharpe says, the collection of Limicolæ in the British Museum "is truly a wonderful one. Of the 255 species recorded, the British Museum contains 250, and the types are 68 in number." "The specimens arranged and catalogued in it are 13,440, exclusive of many hundreds of duplicates." It is hence easily seen that the labor of preparing the present volume was very great, with, however, commensurate facilities for arriving at satisfactory results.

The Limicolæ are divided into the following six families,—Ædicnemidæ, with 4 genera and 11 species; Cursoriidæ, with 8 genera and 37 species; Parridæ, with 7 genera and 11 species; Charadriidæ, with 76 genera (44 of them monotypic) and 192 species; Chionidæ, with 2 genera and 3 species; and Thinocorythidæ, with 2 genera and 5 species. The family Charadriidæ includes 10 subfamilies, most of which have been often if not generally accorded the rank of families; as, for example, Arenariinæ, Hæmatopodinæ, Charadriinæ, Himantopodinæ, Scolopacinaæ, Phalaropodinæ, etc.; while the genus *Aphriza*, sometimes recognized as a family, is not only reduced to generic rank, but is placed between *Ochthodromus* and *Charadrius*. While Sharpe thus degrades the rank of many groups usually recognized as families, he goes to the opposite ex-

¹ Catalogue | of the | Limicolæ | in the | Collection | of the | British Museum. | By | R. Bowdler Sharpe. | London: | Printed by order of the Trustees. | Sold by | Longmans & Co., 39 Paternoster Row; | B. Quaritch, 15 Piccadilly; Dulau & Co., 37 Soho Square W.; | Kegan Paul & Co., Paternoster House, Charing Cross Road; and at the | British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, S. W. | 1896.—8vo, pp. xii + 794, pl. vii. = Catalogue of the Birds in the British Museum, Vol. XXIV.